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Applicants:	Evans, Douglas G. et al.	Group Art Unit:	3738
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For:	Devices and Methods for Treating Defects in the Tissue of a Living Being		

**SECOND AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO THIRD AND FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

In regard to the Final Office Action dated June 27, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Please enter the **Amendments to the Claims** that begin on page 2 of this paper. Amendments are indicated by underscoring of text to be added, and by ~~striketrough~~ or [[double bracketing]] of text to be deleted.

Applicants' **Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

This reply is being filed in connection with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Accordingly, Applicants kindly request that the Amendment After Final dated September 27, 2005 **not** be entered, and that the finality of the pending Action be withdrawn. Further, in the same mailing as this paper, Applicants are submitting a petition for a two-month extension of time to permit the entry of this Amendment.

Two Declarations under 37 C.F.R. §1.132, attached as Appendices A and B, respectively, form an integral part of this paper.

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